



**BLOSSOMS of HOPE...**  
the Howard County Cherry Tree Project  
**NEWS RELEASE**



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***Festival honors Howard County's Blossoms of Hope Cherry Trees***  
**Celebrate PINK at Comcast CHERRYBRATION**

COLUMBIA, MD --Celebrate the renewal of spring and the blossoming of Howard County's 1,250 Blossoms of Hope Kwanzan cherry trees at Comcast **CHERRYBRATION** on Saturday, May 3, 2008 from 4pm to dusk at beautiful Centennial Park in Columbia, Maryland.

The outdoor festival will feature music, strolling entertainers, children's activities, and educational displays on wellness, the outdoors and the importance of nature.

Mother Nature herself will make a visit and lead festival goers in a glowing "LANTERNS OF HOPE" luminary parade to create a sparkling river of light flowing through the park at dusk. Everyone is encouraged to create a luminary and join the procession. Workshops are now being held at local library branches and the Howard County Center for the Arts. Instructions for making a simple luminary lantern are also available on-line at [www.blossomsofhope.com](http://www.blossomsofhope.com).

For more information about the Lanterns of Hope workshops and Comcast CHERRYBRATION, call 410-313-1900.

To learn more about how the Blossoms of Hope cherry tree project is helping in the fight against cancer visit [www.blossomsofhope.com](http://www.blossomsofhope.com).